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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USUN INFO BEIRUT PARIS LONDON AND
KATHMANDU FROM STATE 72345 APRIL 18 , RPTD FOR YOU:

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TAGS: UNSC, IS, LE

SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON BEIRUT RAID

REF: USUN 1371, USUN 1384

1. FYI - OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO AVOID A VETO IF AT ALL POSSI-
BLE CONSISTENT WITH OUR POSITION ON NEED FOR A BALANCED
RESOLUTION. TO ACHIEVE IT WE MUST CONVINCE OTHERS OF OUR
STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY TEXT ALONG THE LINES OF THE UK-
FRENCH REVISION OF LEBANESE DRAFT (USUN 1384) IN THE HOPE
THAT OUR FIRM STAND WILL MOVE OTHERS TO SEEK CHANGES THAT
WOULD JUSTIFY AN ABSTENTION ON OUR PART END FYI.

2. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD INFORM LEBANESE, UK AND FRENCH
(AS WELL AS AUSTRIANS AND AUSTRALIANS IF YOU AGREE) THAT
WE WOULD HAVE TO VETO AN UNBALANCED RESOLUTION ALONG THE
LINES OF THE UK- FRENCH REVISION OF THE LEBANESE DRAFT.

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3. YOU SHOULD INFORM UK AND FRENCH THAT THEIR PROPOSED REVISION OF LEBANESE DRAFT (USUN 1384) DOES NOT GO NEARLY FAR ENOUGH AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO FEEL STRONGLY THAT IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE INTO LINE WITH DRAFT WE SUGGESTED TO THEM. YOU SHOULD STRESS IN PARTICULAR THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCED OPERATIVE PARA WHICH CONDEMNS TERRORIST ACTS WHILE MAKING CLEAR THIS IS NOT ONLY PROBLEM WE HAVE WITH THEIR DRAFT. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND

HOW ANYONE CAN BE SATISFIED WITH MERELY ONAL INTEREST AND ASPIRATIONS AND RETAINING SOME ELEMENTS FORMER CONSTITUTION; D) FORTHCOMING WOULD BE ROYAL STATEMENT ON SITUATION FOR PURPOSES REASSURING INVESTORS AND OTHER BUSINESSMEN; E) CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE WOULD AVAIL ITSELF OF SERVICES OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE ALREADY SEARCHING FOR EXPERTS; F) UNANIMITY OF VOTE IN PARLIAMENT DEMONSTRATED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF SWAZI PEOPLE. MINISTER STRESSED THAT OPPOSITION MEMBER PRESENT HAD VOTED FOR RESOLUTION; AND G) IT NOTEWORTHY THAT WHITE AND BLACK SWAZIS ALIKE HAD PARTICIPATED PUBLICLY IN EVENTS APRIL 12.

2. MINISTER JUSTICE EXPLAINED HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF WESTMINSTER CONSTITUTION ALONG LINES THAT IT IMPOSED ON NATION AND THAT KING ACCEPTED IT AS PRICE INDEPENDENCE. KING, SAID DLAMINI, ALWAYS INTENDED TO CHANGE CONSTITUTION AND IT SURPRISING THAT IT LASTED FIVE YEARS. AFRICAN OPPOSITION, DLAMINI SAID, IS NOT THE KIND OF CONSTRUCTIVE OPPOSITION FOUND OTHER NATIONS AND OBSERVED IN LONDON. OPPOSITION IN SWAZILAND, HE SAID, IS STRANGE ANIMAL FROM ALIEN PLACE. HE EXPANDED THAT SWAZILAND OPPOSITION OPPOSED MEASURES DESIGNED FOR GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE SIMPLY BECAUSE GOVERNMENT PROPOSED THEM.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM DIPLOMATS, POLYCARP (WITH ZONKE KHUMALO) RESPONDED: A) INTERIM PERIOD WOULD BE HOPEFULLY ONLY FOR SIX MONTHS (IF CONSTITUTION CAN EMERGE IN THIS TIME); B) OUTSIDE ADVISERS MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE. (THIS WAS POLYCARP DLAMINI STATEMENT. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND PERMSEC JUSTICE ATTEMPTED MODIFY THIS, STATING THAT ONLY SWAZIS BLACK AND WHITE, WOULD BE EMBERS OF COMMITTEE AND THAT ANY FOREIGNERS WOULD BE ADVISERS.); C) NEW PARLIAMENT WOULD NOT RPT NOT ENCOMPASS HOUSE OF CHIEFS AND INDUNAS. THERE SOME SPIRITED CONVERSATION IN RELATION THIS QUESTION WITH PERXMSEC ARTHUR KHOZA ASSERTING OPPOSITION PARTIES
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HAD ADVOCATED HOUSE OF INDUNAS AND CHIEFS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE BUT THAT SWAZI NATIONAL COUNCIL HAD REFUSED. KHOZA CONTINUED THAT SWAZILAND NOT RPT NOT A SOCIETY DIVIDED INTO CASTES: D) NEW FIVE- YEAR PLAN WILL BE IMPLEMENTED PERHAPS EVEN SOONER. UNDER NEW CONDITIONS; E) GOVERNMENT WILL FUNCTION AS BEFORE WITH MINISTERS PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS AND IMPLEMENTING DECISIONS THROUGH CIVIL SERVICE.

4. COMMENT: IT VERY POSSIBLE OPPOSITION MEMBER VOTED FOR PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION THAT CONSTITUTION UNWORKABLE. OF COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED SESSION, ONE STATED THAT HE OBSERVED OPPOSITION DEPUTY VOICING AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR RESOLUTION; OTHER CONFIRMED THAT NO NEGATIVE (VOICE) VOTE WAS CAST. THERE SOME OBVIOUS DISARRAY ON FOREIGN EXPERTE ROLE IN DRAWING NEW CONSTITUTION. UNDP RESREP HAS BEEN QUERIED ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF AVAILABILITY OF EXPERTS IN FIELD CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. POLYCARP DLAMINI IS TAKING OBVIOUS PRIDE IN HIS ROLE IN CHANGE. IT EVIDENT FROM INTER- PERSONAL ATMOSPHERICS AND EVENTS AT MEETING THAT IF POLYCARP DLAMINI IS NAMED INTERIM PRIME MINISTER, ZONKE KHUMALO WILL CONTINUE WIELD CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF INFLUENCE IF NOT CONTROL. SPICER

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